

Office of the Mayor  
CITY OF  SIOUX FALLS

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, 2021 marks the 50th year since South Dakota Right to Life has been holding their Annual State Convention in the celebration of the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death;

*WHEREAS*, the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence states that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men . . .";

*WHEREAS*, as citizens of the United States, we recognize that without life, there is no Liberty. Without Liberty, there is no freedom in which the individual may pursue happiness. So, our policy must always be to defend human life at all stages;

*WHEREAS*, we must stand firmly united as a community that shows respect and love for the dignity and worth of every person, at every stage of life – the unborn, the aged, the disabled, the mentally ill – all of our most vulnerable neighbors;

*WHEREAS*, I respectfully encourage all South Dakotans to care for women with unexpected or unwanted pregnancies, to encourage responsible fatherhood, to affirm our state's pro-life pregnancy centers, to support adoption and foster care, and to ensure that every child can be raised to live and to have the liberty to pursue their own happiness;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Paul TenHaken, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, do hereby proclaim October 1-2, 2021, as:

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WEEKEND

in Sioux Falls. I ask every citizen of this great city to join me in considering what we have missed by the loss of lives who have been cut short and then to raise our voices in defending and cherishing human life. In this way, we can all work toward a day when the dignity and humanity of every life is respected.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sioux Falls to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 2021.

  
Paul TenHaken, Mayor